

## POLICEMEN ENGAGE STREET FIGHT.

Sergeant Thomas J. Nugent Knocked Down and Beaten by Patrolman C. M. Fischer.

## SALOONKEEPER PEACEMAKER.

Nugent Declares His Subordinate Assaulted Him Because He Reprimanded Him—Fischer Is Under Suspension.

In a fist fight between Sergeant Thomas J. Nugent and Patrolman C. M. Fischer of the Second Police District, at Miami street and Illinois avenue, yesterday afternoon, Nugent was knocked down. He has two contusions and swollen eyes as a memento of the trouble.

The fight was stopped by Henry S. Thien, a saloonkeeper, at Wisconsin avenue and Broadway. When Thien arrived on the scene, Fischer was kneeling upon Nugent, pummeling him lustily. Thien, who is 6 feet 6 inches in height, and whose weight almost equals that of the two policemen, seized each of the combatants by the coat collar, lifted them up and placed them upon their feet. Fischer, according to Thien, was still excited, and desired to continue the fight, but Thien interposed his ponderance of bone and brawn and effectually ended hostilities.

Nugent then took Fischer's star from him and suspended him, pending the action of Captain Schroeder. The captain was attending the meeting of the Police Board, and the matter did not come before him for investigation until last night. He said he would have to investigate the affair thoroughly before he could say what course he would pursue.

Sergeant Nugent states that Officer Fischer struck him without provocation. "Fischer's beat," said the sergeant, "terminated on the south at the corner of Wisconsin and Broadway, and on the east at Broadway. I saw him crossing Illinois avenue and going west on Miami street, which is outside his beat. I called to him and when I came up to him I asked him where he was going. He replied insultingly. I then asked him if all the saloons were closed. He said they were, and I replied that I knew some of them had not been. He then threatened to knock me down. He then came at me and I knocked him down."

## SHRINKAGE OF MILLIONS.

Senator McPherson's Estate Falls Far Below Former Estimates.

NEW YORK, May 3.—There were two surprises during the proceedings over the contents of the will of Mrs. Edna McPherson, wife of the late Senator John McPherson, in the Hudson County Orphan's court, at Jersey City, to-day.

One was caused by Abel J. Smith, counsel for Aaron S. Baldwin, the executor under the will, who stated that instead of being worth \$500,000 as has been stated, the estate would not amount to more than \$100,000.

The other surprise was in the serious charges which Walter Prevost, one of the counsel for Mrs. McPherson, made against Aaron S. Baldwin, the executor under the will, who is contesting the will. Mr. Prevost pointed out the will, last week gave Mr. Baldwin absolute power, and that if Mr. Baldwin had used it to the detriment of the estate, the issue would be left to the courts.

## RICH STRIKE IN ALASKA.

New Gold Deposits Show Great Store of Wealth.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Seattle, Wash., May 3.—The reports as to the wealth of the new gold fields in Alaska are so sensational that the people of the Pacific Northwest are beginning to believe that the new gold fields are as rich as the old ones. The new gold fields are located in the interior of Alaska, and are said to be as rich as the old ones.

## MACARTHUR'S CASUALTY LIST.

Wounded and Deaths From Recent Engagements.

Washington, May 3.—The War Department has received the following list of casualties from the Philippine campaign: Killed, 10; wounded, 10; missing, 10; captured, 10; deserters, 10; and 10 others.

## YOUNG LOVER SHOT.

He Had Received Several Threatening Letters.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. St. Louis, Mo., May 3.—Arthur Sprague, a young man, was shot yesterday afternoon in the right lung last night by an unknown person, who escaped in the darkness. It is feared the young man will die. The only reason given for the shooting is that he was out of a love affair. He had received several threatening letters, and was said to be a member of a secret society.

## POLICEMAN KILLS A SOLDIER.

Attempting to Escape After Shooting a Bartender.

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## MRS. RATHBUN CONVICTED OF KILLING HER HUSBAND.

Must Pay the Penalty by a Life in the State Prison.

## PROTESTED HER INNOCENCE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New Haven, Conn., May 3.—For the second time in the history of this State a woman has been convicted of murder of her husband by poison and sentenced to prison for life. The first case was nearly thirty years ago, when Kate Cobb of Norwich was convicted.

Mrs. Ann Maria Rathbun was adjudged guilty in the second degree to-night. The jury was out nearly five hours, and many ballots were taken. The verdict was a compromise. Nine jurors, for conviction of the first degree, forced three to agree to the second degree verdict. A disagreement was generally expected, even by those who had studied the evidence closely. It was wholly circumstantial.

Hints at Rathbun's Guilt. To-day was given up to the closing arguments of the counsel for both sides. Judge Leavin Bydenburgh presented the case of Mrs. Rathbun, by declaring that the evidence pointed more to her husband than to her as the person who had put poison in the coffee. Judge Bydenburgh pointed out that direct evidence was lacking, and that there was a wide gap in the circumstantial evidence in the attempt of the State to fasten the crime upon Mrs. Rathbun.

Review of State's Case. W. H. Williams, State's Attorney, spoke from noon till twenty-five minutes to 2 o'clock, in summing up for the prosecution. He declared that the motive of jealousy had been definitely proved against Mrs. Rathbun, that she had conspired with her husband to kill him, and that she had been paid to do so. He also declared that she had been paid to do so.

Preparations for Texas Trip Made. Interstate Merchants' Association Members Ready for Departure on Excursion Sunday.

To-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock the special train of ten coaches bearing members of the Interstate Merchants' Association and heads of St. Louis business houses will leave Union Station for a ten-day trip through Texas. The start will be most auspicious, and before the return those who will be members of the party expect to advertise St. Louis as a city to a large extent. The arrangements have been practically completed. To-day the handsome souvenir itinerary will be issued.

The excursion will visit thirty-six towns and cities in Texas and will travel more than 3,000 miles. A complete circuit will be made of the State, and every city of any size or importance will be visited.

Entering Texas within a day after the train of New York merchants have left the State, the excursion party will make a good showing against the Eastern men. To this end only the heads of houses and representative business men have been selected to join the party.

The train will consist of five Pullman sleeping cars, two Pullman diners, baggage and buffet cars, and the private car of C. O. Warner, second vice president, who will accompany the party. Texasans will be expected to meet the party and to be the guests of the party during the trip. Monday night will be spent in Dallas. Tuesday night the party will arrive at Waco. Houston will be reached Wednesday and Beaumont Thursday. The excursionists will remain in Beaumont for several hours. An elaborate reception has been arranged for the party there.

From Beaumont the excursionists will "go back to Galveston," returning, and will spend Friday night at Austin, the State capital. From Austin the train will run to San Antonio, where it will arrive Saturday night and Sunday will be spent in San Antonio. The excursionists will remain in San Antonio for several hours. An elaborate reception has been arranged for the party there.

Leaving San Antonio at 9 o'clock Sunday night the excursionists will start homeward, reaching Fort Worth Monday night. Tuesday night they will arrive at Dallas. Wednesday night they will arrive at Waco. Houston will be reached Thursday and Beaumont Friday. The excursionists will remain in Beaumont for several hours. An elaborate reception has been arranged for the party there.

Through Pullman sleeping car from St. Louis to Buffalo, without change on the line, leaving St. Louis daily at 8 o'clock, via the "Akron Route" on and after May 1, St. Louis, for particulars.

## COUNCIL'S APPROPRIATIONS.

Passes Bills for Police Expense, Interest and Public Debt.

The City Council yesterday passed the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the current expenses of the Police Department during the year, the bill appropriating \$1,200,000 for interest and public debt, and the bill authorizing renewal of the lease on the temporary City Hospital. The bill to permit the United Railways Company to tear up its tracks on Maryland avenue west of Euclid avenue, went to engrossment.

Mr. Boyce introduced a bill to appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase of a new fire engine, and the Council concurred in the resolution approving reports of judicial commissioners for the widening of Atlantic street, opening of Alaska street, widening of Euclid avenue and opening of Kosuth avenue.

## Carrier Accused of Mail Robbery.

Springfield, Ill., May 3.—James Walsh, a mail carrier, was arrested yesterday afternoon by inspectors of the Post Office at Springfield, on a charge of robbing the mails. He was taken to the Springfield penitentiary.

## ILLINOIS G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Springfield, Ill., May 3.—An order has been issued by the Adjutant General, calling upon members of the Grand Army of the Republic to meet in Peoria, May 15, at 9 a. m., to take part in the ceremonies attending the annual State encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## NEW TRAIN TO TEXAS.

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## MISS OIA ATKINS.

St. Louis, Mo., May 3.—Miss Oia Atkins, daughter of John Atkins of this city, died to-day of Bright's disease, aged 17 years.

## HAVE THEIR EYES MISSOURI LEAD.

Whitney's Syndicate Said to Be Raising Money for Big Investments.

## MAMMOTH SMELTER PROPOSED.

Company Has Increased Its Capital Stock and Is Credited With Planning Some Gigantic Operations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, May 3.—It was stated to-day that the syndicate of capitalists controlling the Union Lead and Oil Company proposes to greatly enlarge its field of operations, and that negotiations have been practically completed for the absorption of lead properties in Missouri.

For this purpose the company is reported to have taken steps to increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$500,000, and that funds will be raised to erect smelters adjacent to the ore properties.

According to statements by friends of the company, arrangements have been made to erect a million-dollar smelter in Missouri and for the construction of lined oil mills in Minneapolis, Chicago, Buffalo and New York.

W. C. Whitney in the Deal. By this means, the company will make itself independent of all sources of supplies for its raw material. Prominent among those who are mentioned as the backers of the plan are W. C. Whitney and Thomas P. Ryan. It is said that these men bought the lead mines now in the control of the Union Lead and Oil Company for the purpose of securing lead for their various enterprises, based on the use of storage batteries.

There are numerous reports about that the syndicate is acquiring control of the stock of the American Inland Company for the purpose of operating that company in connection with its lead business. Denials of these reports have, however, been made by the latter company. The major of the latter company stated positively to-night that no proposition for a merger had been made to the company.

## COUNCIL MAY NOT CONCUR.

Temporary Appropriation Bill Likely to Cause a Clash.

Modifications to the temporary appropriation bill will be reported next Tuesday to the House of Delegates by the Ways and Means Committee. If the House accepts the modifications, the bill will be transmitted to the City Council for its approval. Whether the Council will be agreeable to the Council is a doubtful question.

Should the City Council decline to approve the amendments, a clash between the two bodies would ensue and the bill would be retarded indefinitely. However, the general feeling is that some of the changes made by the committee are for the better.

This sum will be divided about as follows: Street reconstruction, \$40,000; street improvement, \$20,000; street paving, \$15,000; sewerage, \$10,000; fire department, \$5,000; police department, \$5,000; public works, \$5,000; and \$10,000 for miscellaneous purposes.

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## WORKING FOR PUBLIC BATHS.

Turners Hope to Influence Municipal Assembly Members.

St. Louis, Mo., May 3.—The House this afternoon passed the Senate bill, providing for the appointment of a commission to audit the accounts of the St. Francis Levee Board, and the Senate bill, providing for the employment of teachers who are in any way connected with the public schools.

The bill providing for a uniform day for holding primary elections was indefinitely postponed. The bill providing for the establishment of a public library in the city of St. Louis was also postponed.

## FIGHTING BOARD OF TRADE.

Kansas City Firm Files Answer in a Suit.

Kansas City, Mo., May 3.—The Christie Grain and Stock Company to-day filed an answer to the suit brought by the Chicago Board of Trade to restrain the company from using the complainant's quotations on the Chicago stock exchange.

The defendant alleges that the Board of Trade does a similar business to that of the Chicago Board of Trade, and that the complainant is entitled to the same treatment. The Board of Trade denies this, and alleges that the complainant is not entitled to the same treatment.

## TO SELECT MISSOURI SITE.

Commissioners at Buffalo Exposition Will Meet To-Day.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 3.—Weather conditions were more favorable to-day and the attendance at the Pan-American Exposition grounds was larger than yesterday. The date for the next sports in the Stadium has been fixed for May 18. They will take the form of a celebration in honor of the First National Bank of Chicago, and the entries will be confined to employees of the grounds.

## NOVEL DEFENSE ADVANCED IN EASTMAN-GROGAN CASE.

Alleged That Grogan Was Startled Into Shooting at Eastman, Who Killed Him in Self-Defense.

## PROFESSOR WOOD OF HARVARD: "THE PISTOL MUST HAVE BEEN HELD IN CONTACT WITH THE TROUSERS."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Boston, Mass., May 3.—Charles W. Bartlett, of counsel for Charles R. Eastman, made the opening for the defense, in the Eastman murder trial to-day. His contention is that, while Eastman and Grogan were target shooting, Eastman's old rim fire revolver was accidentally discharged; that, while not actually striking Grogan, the bullet started him; that in his fright and sudden anger he fired at Eastman and Eastman at him.

Alleged Lack of Malice. Mr. Bartlett asserted that, while Eastman shot and killed Grogan, he did so without malice, and only in self-defense. He denied that Eastman was at the stable of Grogan's father on November 24, or that he then, or at any other time, threatened Grogan's life.

He denied that there was any feeling between the two men. In regard to Grogan's accession to the lens business, and contended that, because of Eastman's assistance, Grogan not only got the business, but at a lower price than anybody else could have obtained it.

He denied allegations of threats and ill-feeling on the part of Eastman toward Grogan, and cited several incidents as late as last June to show the mutual feeling of friendship.

During the noon recess a juror, Elias R. Grant of Westford, was seized with a severe chill, demanding immediate medical attention. The court adjourned the usual afternoon session. The trial will proceed to-morrow morning.

Before the prosecution closed, an attempt was made to introduce the defendant's testimony before the grand jury that indicted him, but the attempt failed.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

LEAD THE WORLD IN COMMERCE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, May 3.—The United States lead the world in commerce. The average monthly exports for the nine months ending with March, 1901, were \$124,477,533, while those of the United Kingdom, our closest competitor, were \$117,816,246 per month during the same period; those of Germany, the next largest exporter, \$87,553,000 per month during the twelve months ending with December, 1900; France, \$56,467,000; Russia, \$25,550,000.

The United States in the nine months ending with March, 1901, show \$53,000,000 more of exports than imports. The total domestic exports of the United States in the nine months ending with March are \$1,120,460,673, while the exportation of British and Irish produce in the same period is \$1,000,346,214.

## PREPARING TO ADJOURN.

Arkansas Legislature Has But Few More Hours of Life.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Little Rock, Ark., May 3.—The House this afternoon passed the Senate bill, providing for the appointment of a commission to audit the accounts of the St. Francis Levee Board, and the Senate bill, providing for the employment of teachers who are in any way connected with the public schools.

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## FRENCH RESTORE THEIR LOOT.

Confiscated Trophies of War to Be Returned to Chinese.

BY STEPHAN BONSAI. Pekin, May 3.—(Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Company.)—Some fifty cases of General Freny's loot, including the imperial bronze lions, confiscated by the French Government, reached Peking to-day, addressed to the French Minister.

The returned loot was paraded through the streets and scored at headquarters. This preliminary to the formal act of restitution caused an immense sensation among the Chinese, but they entertain small hope that the laudable example of France will be followed.

## DECORATION DAY OBSERVED.

Memory of Confederate Soldiers Honored at Columbus, Miss.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Columbus, Miss., May 3.—Decoration Day was being celebrated here to-day, the day of the late President Grant. The day was observed by the placing of flowers on the graves of the Confederate soldiers. The day was also observed by the placing of flowers on the graves of the Confederate soldiers.

## TRAIN LEAVE THE TRACK.

Chicago and Alton Passenger Meets With a Mishap.

Peoria, Ill., May 3.—The Chicago-bound Chicago and Alton passenger train, which left this city at 11:45 o'clock last night, was wrecked just outside of Wenona at 1:12 o'clock this morning. The entire train left the track, but no one was seriously injured, though the conductor, engineer and brakemen were somewhat bruised. The accident was caused by the rails spreading.

## BRICK PIE FELL ON FATHER AND SON.

Henry Wicke and Doctor E. O. Wicke Were Caught Under Mass in Front of New Building.

## SON WAS ALMOST BURIED.

Doctor Wicke Was Hurling Into Excavation and His Parent Hung Head Downward Over Edge—Rescued by Negroes.

While passing in front of No. 717 North Eleventh street at 8 o'clock last night Henry Wicke and his son, Doctor E. O. Wicke, of No. 2561 West Belle place, were caught beneath a pile of brick 20 feet high which fell toward the pavement.

Father and son sustained serious injuries, and it is feared that Doctor Wicke may not recover. There is a deep excavation for a cellar at the place where the accident occurred. The press of the falling brick carried the two men over the edge of this.

Doctor Wicke fell to the bottom of the cellar and was completely covered by hundreds of bricks. The father was caught by the bricks, and instead of being precipitated into the excavation his legs were pinned to the sidewalk and he was suspended over the brink of the excavation with his head and body hanging downward.

Doctor Wicke was rendered unconscious by his fall, and the bricks which fell upon him were completely covered him. His father, however, was only stunned and, after several seconds was able to call for help. The Reverend Thomas Napper, a negro minister, who was passing by, saw the accident and immediately rushed to the scene. He found the father and son in a dangerous position, and he was unable to rescue them.

The rescuers worked with a will and in a short time they had removed the bricks under which Doctor Wicke was buried. While the rescuers were at work a police officer on the beat was attracted to the scene by the crowd which gathered about it. On learning the nature of the accident he turned the alarm of fire. Before the department arrived, however, Mr. Wicke and his son had been rescued and carried to the city dispensary.

The injured men were taken to the City Dispensary in an ambulance, where their injuries were temporarily dressed. When the father and son were removed to their home, Doctor William G. Moore of No. 88 Vandeventer place was summoned. He examined the father and son and found that they were not seriously injured. The father's injuries were not pronounced dangerous. His legs and body were bruised, but he was able to walk. The son's injuries were not pronounced dangerous. His legs and body were bruised, but he was able to walk.

Nothing could be learned of the cause of the accident. The pile of bricks which fell on Mr. Wicke and his son was about 20 feet high and evenly stacked. It occupied the space in front of the excavation between the sidewalk and the street. An open passage way was kept between the brick pile and the edge of the cellar.

The Reverend Thomas Napper, who was sitting on the front steps of No. 717 North Eleventh street, saw Mr. Wicke and his son approaching the excavation. He immediately afterwards he heard the noise made by the falling mass. He got up to see what had happened, and he found the father and son in a dangerous position. He was unable to rescue them, but he was able to call for help.

Lights were produced and fifteen or twenty men descended into the cellar by means of a ladder. Nothing could be seen of the young man, who was hanging head downward from the front of the cellar was a high pile of brick. The men fell upon this with a will, and in a few minutes the young man was rescued. His clothes were torn to shreds.

## BEER REVENUE INCREASES.

Federal Receipts for St. Louis Reach High Figure.

The last week of summer weather has been a most propitious one for the brewers of St. Louis and neighboring cities, if the amount of revenue on beer collected in the last few days at the Internal Revenue Office is any mirror of the trade. The receipts at the office of Collector of Internal Revenue Grenner yesterday amounted to \$112,809.54.

With the exception of January 1, 1901, yesterday's receipts were the largest of the year for St. Louis. The amount collected amounted to \$112,809.54. The amount collected on beer for the year to date is \$1,120,460,673. The amount collected on beer for the year to date is \$1,120,460,673.

## BROKERS' COUNT PROFITS.

Several St. Louisans Said to Have Made Much Money.

Trading in speculative securities in St. Louis yesterday was brought practically to a standstill by the news of the slump in New York. The brokers of the city were said to be making a little money on the profits made since the present boom in stocks began.

Among those who are said to have netted comfortable sums are Corwin H. Spencer, Thomas Aiken, Thomas Carter, S. W. Cobb, Miss Bertha Carr, Louis Griggs, Miss Norman Florsheim, a politician who is a close friend of former Mayor Ziegenfuss, and William Wagner, clerk of the Court of Criminal Correction, is said to have cleared \$100,000 in the last six months.

## SELECT A CORPS OF TEACHERS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Lebanon, Ill., May 3.—The Board of Education at Freeburg has elected the following corps of teachers for the coming year: Miss Mary Ann, Miss Lizzie Roth, Lillian Fox and Blanche Smith.

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## REFINED SUGAR ADVANCES.

All Grades Go Up Ten Cents a Hundred Pounds.

## BEAUMONT, TEX. VIA THE IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

Train No. 51 leaves St. Louis 1:21 p. m. and reaches Beaumont, the heart of the famous oil fields, next day 8:40 p. m. Train No. 52 leaves St. Louis 8:15 p. m. reaches Beaumont 5:30 a. m. second morning. The short and quick line, which runs northwest corner Broadway and Olive street, and Union Station.

## ILLUMINATED FEATURES.

"What does the fellow mean by speaking of the light of her countenance, in describing his heroine?" asked the Party Who Always Asks Questions.

"I suppose it is a delicate way of saying that she is lantern-jawed," answered the Ready Explainer.—Baltimore American.

## COULD PAY FOR THE BEST.

Telegraph Operator: "There may be a little field in getting this message off. We have to send it by leased wire, you know."

"Mr. Gaswell (muttering with indignation): things. Send it over the biggest wire you've got. I don't care what it costs."—Chicago Tribune.

## Southern Railway.

City Ticket Office will remove to 713 Olive street, about May 15th.

## CHINESE INDUSTRY INCREASED.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Paris, May 3.—The French Foreign Office announced to-day that the Chinese claims against China amount to \$27,000,000, instead of \$23,000,000, as formerly stated.

## FRANKLIN PIERCE FUNERAL DEAD.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. End, Ok., May 3.—Franklin Pierce, ex-president, died after a few days' illness.

## OSCEOLA FUNERAL DEAD.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Osceola, Mo., May 3.—J. A. Davis, aged 70, died at his home to-day. He was a pioneer settler of this county.